

# 08 August 2023 – Floodplain Management Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

**9:30 am Spotted Gum Room**

**MidCoast Council Administration Centre**

**Yalawanyi Ganya**

**Meeting opened 9:34**

**Notetaker: Peter Hatton**

<b>Attending</b>	<p>Cr Alan Tickle - Chair          Cr David West – Deputy Chair          Evan Vale – MCC          Scott Nicholson - MCC          Peter Hatton – MCC          Michael Griffith – MCC          Lester Davis – SES          Lisa Ignatavicius – SES          Jane Wild – SES          Kim Wilson – Resident (Wingham)          Eric Saville – Resident (Bulahdelah)          Greg Crisp – Resident (Taree)          Mathew Fawcett – Resident (Tinonee)          Kristi Petersen – Resident (Hallidays Point)          Nigel McIntosh – Resident (Gloucester)</p> <p>Angela Halcrow – (online) DPE          Luke Evan – (online) RHELM          Caitlin Brookes - (online) RHELM</p>
<b>Apologies</b>	<p>Peter Neale – Resident (Oxley Island)</p>

<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
<p><b>Acknowledgment of Country</b>            Chair Cr Tickle opened the meeting, welcomed attendees and read the Acknowledgement of Country.</p>		
<p><b>Acceptance of Previous Minutes</b></p>	<p>Moved- Lester Davis (SES)            Accepted by committee consensus</p>	
<p><b>Actions from last meeting –</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ghinni Ghinni / Jones Island freeway flooding impacts –</li> </ul>	<p>Peter Hatton (LEMC)</p>

	<p>LEMC to follow up and seek TfNSW acceptance to provide future advice on changes to freeway surface levels and report back to next meeting of outcome. The Chair added that council support for the request can be obtained if required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All other actions from previous meeting were noted as complete.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Introductions</b> Each person attending the meeting introduced themselves. (Of Note: no replacement of Tony Day announced – internal SES EOI recruitment underway)</p>		
<p><b>MCC Floodplain Management Program Update</b> Evan Vale (MCC) Points of note –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increasing chance of El Nino developing in the coming season.</li> <li>• 04 April flood/storm event had large impact on the coastal areas of Old Bar/ Diamond Beach/ Hallidays Point.</li> </ul> <p>Study areas (current) –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upper Myall (Bulahdelah)- separate item</li> <li>• Review of FRMSP post 2021/2022 floods.</li> <li>• Taree CBD flood levy – refer separate item</li> <li>• Croakers Creek floodgate – funding handed back.</li> <li>• Wingham flood evacuation route – refer separate item</li> <li>• Gloucester caravan park evacuation route feasibility study – RFQ issued.</li> <li>• Additional river level gauges Karuah catchment – equipment ordered (received 17/08).</li> <li>• Refer attached presentation for more detail.</li> </ul>		

<p><b>Upper Myall (Bulahdelah) Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan Review</b> Evan Vale (MCC)</p> <p>Points of note –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Placed on public exhibition until 17/09/2023.</li> <li>Public Drop in Session at Bulahdelah School of Arts Hall scheduled for Monday 04/09 and will be manned by Council and MHL (study consultant) staff.</li> <li>Refer attached presentation for more detail.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Wingham Evacuation Route Grant</b> Evan Vale (MCC)</p> <p>Points of note-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee discussion led to potential change in funding scope (see action).</li> <li>SES advised of changes to warning system in line with the new Australian Warning System which will allow the local SES to tailor warnings to local communities with relevant localised advice.</li> <li>Refer attached presentation for more detail.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council to approach DPE seeking approval to broaden scope to include option of early warning systems.</li> </ul>	Evan Vale/ DPE
<p><b>Taree CBD Levee Feasibility Study</b> Luke Evans and Caitlin Brookes (Rhelm)</p> <p>Points of note-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Latest stages of study include costing of feasible options.</li> <li>Permanent and temporary levee options on the table. Either option includes the need for pumps.</li> <li>Next stage – internal council engagement.</li> <li>Refer attached presentation for more detail.</li> </ul>		

<p><b>Cedar Party Creek Bridge Replacement and Temporary Bypass Update</b> Evan Vale (MCC)</p> <p>Points of note-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Important - Project halted at this stage pending need to seek additional funding.</li> <li>• Possibility of temporary road bypass across Cedar Party Creek discussed including access arrangements, triggers and management.</li> <li>• Refer attached presentation for more detail.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>General Business</b> (from the floor)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Flood Risk Management Manual Flood along with a new Flood Prone Land Policy now gazetted to replace previous Floodplain Development Manual 2005.</li> <li>• DPE – having <i>shovel ready</i> projects on hand when funding grants are advertised increases approval opportunity.</li> <li>• Bulahdelah drainage concerns.</li> </ul> <p>2023 Meeting Calendar –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 07 February (previous meeting)</li> <li>• 09 May (previous meeting)</li> <li>• 08 August (this meeting)</li> <li>• <b>14 November (next meeting)</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Link to new Manual to be distributed to committee members.</li> <li>• Evan to provide response to Eric Saville.</li> </ul>	<p>Evan Vale</p> <p>Evan Vale</p>
<p><b>Meeting closed 10:52 am</b> Next meeting 14 November at Yalawanyi Ganya</p>	<p>Note: change of date for next meeting.</p>	